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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR POLITICAL (A) DEPARTMENT :: DISPUR

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd February, 2021

No. HMA-19015/9/2019-Political(A)/75.- Whereas the Government of Assam in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire state of Assam as Disturbed Area vide notification No.HMA-19015/9/2019-POLITICAL(A)/64, dated 21/08/2020 with effect from 28/08/2020 for a period of six months;

Whereas, a review of the law and order situation in Assam in the past six months indicates the following:-

- i. ULFA (I) is the major extremist outfit taking the lead while there are some other proxy ethnic militant groups surrogated by NSCN. The outfits have been indulging in terrorist activities in the form of sabotage by means of explosion, attack on Security Forces, extortion, killing innocent people, kidnapping for ransom etc.
- ii. There has been recoveries of unclaimed illegal arms and ammunition in different parts of the state during last six months is also a matter of concern from the law and order point of view.
- iii. ULFA (I) participated in two joint ambushes with NSCN, PLA and MNPF on security forces recently on 29-07-2020 and 04-10-2020.

- iv. ULFA (I) alongwith NSCN (K) abducted two officials of Quippo Private Oil drilling company from a place called Diyung, Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh on 21-12-2020 and demanded Rs.20 Crore for release.
- v. In backdrop of Baghjan incident through Social Media ULFA (I) has threatened the top hierarchy of Oil India Ltd. and warned not to start any new exploration of Gas/Oil in near future in Assam. This may lead to kidnapping for ransom of officers and men engaged in Oil/ natural gas exploration sites located at the Inter-State Assam, Arunachal Pradesh border.
- vi. ULFA (I) also stressed on creating a new identity "West of South East Asia" (WSEA) in place of North East India. ULFA (I) is also planning to kidnap resourceful persons and have engaged linkmen for the task.
- vii. There is information which indicates formation of a new outfit namely Bodo State Liberation Tiger Force (BSLTF) by some disgruntled NDFB cadres who are reportedly demanding inclusion of Sonitpur, Biswanath and Dhemaji district in proposed BTR.
- viii. In the advent of the forthcoming Assam Legislative Election, 2021, the escalation of extremist activities in the State cannot be ruled out.

Now, therefore, as per powers conferred under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, the Governor of Assam is pleased to declare the entire State of Assam as "Disturbed Area" upto 6 (six) months beyond 27/02/2021, unless withdrawn earlier.

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